

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Leonard Guarente *et al.* Art Unit : 1645  
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Title : METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING AGENTS WHICH ALTER HISTONE  
PROTEIN ACETYLATION, DECREASE AGING, INCREASE LIFESPAN

**Mail Stop Amendment**

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AMENDMENT IN REPLY TO ACTION OF NOVEMBER 15, 2005

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

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